

"MY BABIES" IS SINGLE THOUGHT OF MRS. ROGERS

Nearness of Death Fails to Unseal Lips Concerning Identity.

SENDS ROSES TO CHILD SHE THINKS YET LIVES

With poison slowly tearing away the tissues of her body, Mrs. Ida Rogers, proud that as the common law wife of Lordy Elton Rogers, she has borne him two children, lay yesterday in her room in Lehigh hospital, ready with a smile for death that she knows may come at any moment. But her dark brown eyes were resting eagerly on the door through which she was hoping that the man whom she calls husband would appear, bearing his babies for her to fondle with mother's kisses.

She does not know that Loida, the baby girl, is dead, and that little John is in a coma. She thinks both are doing splendidly and that her husband is waiting over them lovingly in the ward below. She talks of them constantly, and yesterday she directed the nurses to go and buy a bouquet of roses for each child. They were the kisses that she was sending to the little ones.

Thus, with her eyes fixed with love for her husband every time he enters the room and always ready with question after question about the babies, she passes the hours slowly yet calmly, the expression on her face taking on a more refined and spiritual aspect.

Secret Carefully Guarded.

Thus she is surrounded and guarded to the secret of her real identity may not become known to the world. Not that she is ashamed of her life with Rogers and her children, but that she is anxious that her love for Rogers should be spread broadcast, but that her identity may not be made known for the sake of relatives that Rogers may be saved from further questions.

The veil of secrecy is being held around her in her small, bare little room, so that a fourth inmate, perhaps, may not be dragged into the limelight. Though the woman insists that her maiden name was Sufferin it was said on excellent authority that she was named Rogers. At least she went at times, the same authority holds, under the name of Mrs. Ida Waters or Walters.

None of her immediate relatives has visited her except in the greatest secrecy. In fact it is not believed that any person other than a cousin has been at her bedside. But a former husband is reported to be in the city or suburbs, though no definite trace of him has been obtained and two brothers of hers are said to be in the Government service.

It is regarded as likely that information has not been conveyed to the brothers because she is eager that they be not told of her tragic condition. At any rate, Rogers, aided by wealthy friends who continually telephone to him at the hospital, are using every effort to protect the woman and to prevent her fall story from reaching the public.

Clue Given by Janitor.

A man has been found who says he knows both Rogers and Mrs. Ida Rogers; that he knows the woman named under the name of Waters or Walters. That fact is partly substantiated by the janitor of the apartment house at 1431 University avenue, where Rogers and the woman had a small flat until last October. That man remembered vividly having seen a trunk bearing the name of Mrs. Ida Waters or Walters, and the woman had a small flat until last October. That man remembered vividly having seen a trunk bearing the name of Mrs. Ida Waters or Walters, and the woman had a small flat until last October.

According to the details of the woman of the young woman by Rogers are kept hidden. Whether Rogers himself visited her in the home provided for her by the reported first husband is merely a matter of conjecture, for the man himself is keeping in the background.

Rogers is reported to be ready to do everything in his power to save the little boy and to restore the mother to health. He has consulted experts on bichloride poisoning and has even suggested an operation for the mother.

Think Operation Hopeless.

The surgeons and physicians, however, have agreed that an operation would be hopeless and that the woman must eventually succumb just as the little boy, it is feared, will today.

Death from bichloride of mercury poisoning comes in two ways—the perforation of the stomach by the acid of the poisoning of the system by the action of the bichloride. Thus far none of the symptoms immediately preceding death has appeared, though interfering and chemical tests are being made two or three times daily. For the first time yesterday, however, a saline solution was injected into the woman's arm with the aim of clearing if possible the action of the bichloride.

Rogers, who has regained his composure and carries himself with something of his old-time theatrical air, spends part of his time with the woman, but mostly he sits by the bedside of little John. He receives a few visitors every day, but most frequently Mrs. Annie Rogers, his divorced wife, appears to comfort him, to watch with him over the dying baby, or to go with him to his home in The Bronx.

The man declines to talk. He would not discuss personally or through a friend named White, who spent the day with him in the hospital, the suggestion that he would Miss Caroline Giddings for her money or her prospects of inheriting wealth.

Prof. Giddings, who met the reporters in his room at Columbia University, was asked:

"Do you think Mr. Rogers married your sister for money?"

"I decline to answer," he replied firmly.

Inherited Money.

It seems that six years after Rogers married Miss Annie Dupree Riquemont of Hongkong, she again met Miss Giddings, a friend of his university days. Gradually the two began to correspond. Miss Giddings, it seems, taught school for several years in Tonawanda, but after her father died she devoted herself to her mother. She inherited some money at the time and more when her mother died in Chicago in 1902, but the total was not great.

Investigation revealed that at the time Mrs. Giddings was married to Rogers was the mistress of her uncle's household in Chicago and his probable heir. The uncle, C. F. Fuller, of 1901 Dearborn avenue, one of the most fashionable addresses of Chicago, who is a very wealthy man, 54 years old, is head of the wholesale drug interests of Chicago. Last week he consummated an amalgamation of Fuller & Fuller, of which he was the

TO ENLARGE COAST ARTILLERY.

Gardner Introduces a Bill to Man Fully the Defences.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—A bill proposing to enlarge the Coast Artillery in accordance with recommendations by Secretary Garrison and Gen. Weaver, chief of the corps, was introduced in the House today by Representative Gardner of Massachusetts, chief advocate in Congress of increased appropriations for national defense.

The Coast Artillery at present is made up of 715 officers and 19,019 enlisted men. The Gardner bill proposes an addition of about 8,000 enlisted men and 600 officers.

In his annual report Gen. Weaver informed the Secretary of War that the Artillery Corps was short nearly 11,000 men of those necessary to man coast defenses and that unless additional men were allowed by Congress the Government will be compelled to reduce the garrisons to mere caretaker detachments at Portsmouth, Charleston, Savannah, Key West, New Bedford, Tampa, Baltimore, Mobile and other points.

Range to Test Big Guns.

Bethlehem Steel Co. Opening Large Proving Grounds at Cape May.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Jan. 2.—The Bethlehem Steel Company, which has leased about five miles of the land bordering on the Delaware Bay shore extending from Cape May Point village to Fishing Creek village, on which it will test big guns, has made contracts for the erection of a number of buildings and residences for officers and men. That portion of Delaware Bay over which the guns can range is only a few feet in depth at high tide and very bare at low tide. The few inhabitants are being provided for in other sections of Cape May.

A system of telephones is being erected to cover every portion of the grounds. On clear days shells can be driven fourteen miles seaward without danger of hitting passing ships.

Takes Ten Mercury Tablets After Quarrel With Husband.

CHAMFORD, N. J., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Anton Kanter, 32, of 49 South Union avenue, is in the Elizabeth General Hospital in a serious condition from bichloride of mercury poisoning. She told Dr. F. P. O'Brien, who was called, that she took ten tablets after a disagreement with her husband. She is the mother of three young children.

ASA BIRD GARDINER CRITICISED.

Appellate Division Reverses Finding in Action for Libel.

Sharp criticism was made yesterday by the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of former District Attorney ASA Bird Gardiner for language he used concerning Champe S. Andrews, a lawyer and former counsel to the County Medical Society, in an application to drop Fox in 1911 for the pardon of Dr. Edward Conrad, who was sent to prison for improper practice. The Appellate Division reversed a decision of the lower court dismissing a suit for libel by Andrews against Col. Gardiner and decided that a cause of action exists and the case must be tried.

Attached to the petition for the pardon of Dr. Conrad, subsequently granted, was a communication signed by Col. Gardiner in which he alleged that Andrews was impelled by dishonorable motives in prosecuting Conrad and did not act in good faith toward the Medical Society; that Andrews had employed unfair means to convict Conrad and that the District Attorney who tried Conrad was convinced that Andrews was using the office as a means for personal gain and he was requested to resign.

Col. Gardiner also stated that Andrews had been "frozen out of office" by the Order of Elks for "good and sufficient reason" and that he had been arrested in a police court for extortion and had escaped conviction on a technicality.

VAN NORDEN EXECUTORS SUED.

Dead Banker Accused of Retaining \$32,500 He Collected.

The late Warner Van Norden, banker, is accused in a complaint filed in the Supreme Court yesterday of retaining \$32,500 which he had collected for Mrs. Henrietta E. Talcott, wife of James Talcott, a banker, and his daughter Edith Talcott Bates. The suit to recover the \$32,500 is brought by Mrs. Grace Talcott Van Norden, daughter-in-law of the late banker and wife of Warner M. Van Norden, who was cut off in his father's will and was asked to pay \$500,000 debts to the Van Norden estate if he can.

In her complaint Mrs. Van Norden says the claims on which she has brought suit have been assigned to her by the owners. She says the late banker collected the money in 1909 and promised to pay over the same immediately. The suit is brought against Miss Clara L. Van Norden and Theodore L. Van Norden, as executors of the Van Norden estate.

RAINS DOGS WHEN FIRE STARTS IN PUP PALACE

Costly Pets Thrown From Windows—Refugees Go to Ritz, but Move.

Thousands of dollars worth of dogs—Chows, Alredales, Peldines, terriers, bulls and dachshunds—rained on Madison avenue and Forty-sixth street last evening. Some were thrown and some pushed from the windows of the smoke filled Springside Dog Palace on the second floor of 28 East Forty-sixth street, which had caught fire. The Misses Maude and Ella Berland, who own the kennels, carried out other dogs that couldn't be shoved off a window ledge.

About forty of the terrified pups, of varied size and tone of bark, had formed a jumbled row, some opposite the Ritz, when the rescuers found a big English bulldog overcome by smoke in a corner upstairs. They threw him out of a window, but rescue had come too late and the dog died on the sidewalk.

The Misses Berland thought they never would be able to gather together their scattered charges until some kind snout in the Ritz offered the hotel backyard as a temporary shelter. That was fine until it snowed and \$2,000 worth of dog began to sneeze. Besides, two were missing—an Alredale and a Boston terrier, both worth \$200.

Something had to be done soon. So Vernon Castle did it. It sounds press agency, but really Vernon offered one of the back rooms of the Castle House where the homeless pups might sleep. His offer was accepted.

HER HEALTH STILL GOOD AT 100.

Three of Mrs. Pettit's Four Sons Are More Than 70 Years Old.

ROCKVILLE CENTRE, L. I., Jan. 2.—Mrs. Susan Pettit, of 24 North Centre avenue was 100 years old today.

Mrs. Pettit was born at Merick. Her parents were John and Maria (Arman) Seaman. She was married in 1874 to a Mr. Pettit, who died in 1897, aged 50 years. Four of Mrs. Pettit's six children are living. They are John, 77, James, 74, and Colton, 73, of Baldwin, Frank, 64, with whom she resides. Mrs. Pettit enjoys good health.

EDISON SEES GOOD YEAR FOR MANUFACTURERS

Unnecessary Hesitation, He Says, Because of the War in Europe.

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 2.—Thomas A. Edison predicted today that 1915 will be a most prosperous year for manufacturing in this country.

"Now is the time," he said, "for the United States to get ahead. We can manufacture cheaper today than in many years to come. However, many of our best business men seem to be penny wise and pound foolish. I am surprised that commercial and industrial America has been affected with a form of paralysis, evidently as the result of the war in Europe. This is all due, however, to unnecessary alarm."

"The railroad rate decision," Mr. Edison continued, "was a good thing. The railroad business is our commercial barometer. When you cripple the arteries of trade you cripple the body. I am satisfied with the increased rate and it will cost me thousands of dollars, but I am going to get it all back in increased trade. I think that public opinion is in favor of the increase. The Federal reserve act has proved its worth already."

Speaking of the European war Mr. Edison said: "If the Germans went into this war in the belief that the French and the English were decadent peoples they made a serious mistake."

The war will last at least one year and probably two or more. Germany cannot win, because the side having the greater number of men and resources available is sure to be the victor. Germany will be worn down after long conflict.

"Submarines will be perfected and remain a powerful instrument in warfare, but the dreadnought will not be eliminated, because some plan will be evolved to prevent torpedo attacks. Artillery will be the greatest destructive agency of modern warfare."

"Benzol, the solvent material used principally by India rubber and gutta percha manufacturers, will be one of the wasteful wastes of coke manufacture, and daily the loss of 10,000 gallons of benzol worth 30 cents a gallon, will be prevented."

"Ammonia will be made out of the

LEE SUSPENDED AS FATHER'S EXECUTOR

Missing Lawyer and Yachtsman Barred From Handling Funds of Estate.

Summary action was taken by Surrogate Fowler yesterday in connection with the unexplained disappearance of Samuel Van Wyck Lee, lawyer and yachtsman, who has been sought for since he dropped out of sight two months ago.

Because personal assets of the estate of his father and law partner, Robert Perine Lee, of which the missing lawyer was executor, are also gone or have been concealed, Surrogate Fowler signed an order suspending Lee as executor. The order also prevents Lee's brother and co-executor, Robert P. Lee, Jr., from acting, but this is only formal since he has been a patient in the Long Island Hospital at Amityville for some time and is unable to act as an executor.

The papers before the Surrogate on which he suspended the lawyer as executor were filed by his sister, Anna H. Lee, who had already started proceedings to remove him as executor. While in her previous application she made no charge that her brother had mismanaged the estate, she charged yesterday that he was "imprudent and wasteful" in neglecting his duties in connection therewith, and paying no care to the proper attention of the trust estate.

The Surrogate's order restrains Samuel Van Wyck Lee from taking any action in connection with the estate pending the hearing on January 8 of the application for his removal.

The will of Lee's father left one-third of the estate each to himself and his brother Robert outright and the other third to their sister in fee simple, and the properties in the trust estate is 342 East Fifth street, which has been under the management of Louis Carreau, a real estate agent. Carreau made affidavit that he has sent checks for the rent to Lee as executor and that these checks have been returned by the Post Office Department because of inability to deliver them.

Bank Merger Approved.

The merger of the City Bank of Bayonne with the Union Trust Company of Jersey City was approved yesterday by State Banking and Insurance Commissioner Lamont. The Bayonne bank will be operated as a branch of the Union Trust Company.

COUNTS LOSS OF \$13,040 IN DODGING EXECUTION

Schuyler, Twice Sentenced for Murder, but Released. Figures Cost.

TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 2.—John Edward Schuyler, who was twice sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Manning Riley at Calton in 1907, but escaped execution and was released on December 23, figures that he lost \$13,040 while a prisoner.

All that he possesses after nearly eight years spent as a prisoner under a life sentence is an engraved "license to be at liberty" granted by the Board of Pardons. Schuyler is now at his old home in Verney, expecting to secure employment again from a New York banker for whom he was working when he was arrested.

He estimates his financial loss as follows: Loss in wages, \$5,440; foreclosure in mortgage, \$1,400; borrowed money for defence, \$1,051; savings expended in defence, \$1,000; tools lost when arrested, \$250; expenses of gaining release, \$700; total, \$13,040.

When Schuyler was arrested he had \$1,000 deposited in the Morristown Trust Company and \$450 in the Hackettstown National Bank. He gave his daughter \$450 when he was sentenced to be hanged, but all of the other money was used in the defence.

PREDICTS BIG JUMP IN SUBMARINE BUILDING

Representative Roberts Says Congress Will Provide at Least 16 New Craft.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—That recent exports of submarines in European waters will force a radical departure in naval construction in the United States is the substance of a statement made today by Representative Roberts of Massachusetts, a member of the House Naval Committee.

Mr. Roberts is convinced that the theory generally entertained by American naval officers that submarines are impotent against modern battleships has been exploded. He bases his opinion on information said to have come from abroad and on reports of the destruction of British battleships by German submarines. Mr. Roberts believes that American naval officers will soon, if they have not done so already, revise their conclusions as to the effectiveness of the submarine.

He expressed the opinion today that the lessons of the war so far as the submarine is concerned will be headed by Congress and that the forthcoming naval budget will provide for a larger number of this type of war craft than is contemplated in the programme submitted at the beginning of the session by the Secretary of the Navy.

"Of course in a time like this we are denied access to official information, but taking everything into consideration I think it is safe to report the conclusion that England's naval losses have been caused in great measure by submarines, and we should proceed accordingly," said Mr. Roberts.

In the estimates submitted to Congress the Secretary of the Navy recommended two battleships, six destroyers, eight or more submarines, a repair ship and an oiler.

The Department probably contemplated that Congress would provide the minimum number of submarines requested by the Secretary, said Mr. Roberts. "In my opinion" the naval bill before it goes through will provide for a minimum number of sixteen submarines and probably twenty. I favor the higher number. In fact I would be disposed to favor one battleship and to put the amount of money that would be required for a capital ship into submarines."

Franklin Simon & Co.

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Largest Price Reductions Ever Made

Women's Suits, Afternoon and Evening Gowns

145 Fur Trimmed Suits
Of broadcloth, gabardine or velveteen.
Heretofore \$29.50 to \$45.00 **15.00**

90 Fur Trimmed Suits
Of chifon velvet, broadcloth or velour cloth.
Heretofore \$39.50 to \$69.50 **25.00**

152 Dressy Silk Gowns
Of high class silks, velveteen or serge.
Heretofore \$29.50 to \$39.50 **18.50**

96 Dressy Afternoon Gowns
Of high class silks or chiffon velveteen.
Heretofore \$39.50 to \$59.50 **29.50**

94 Evening Gowns
Of taffeta, French satin or charmeuse.
Heretofore \$39.50 to \$59.50 **29.50**

76 Evening Gowns
Of gros de Londres, satin or chiffon velveteen.
Heretofore \$49.50 to \$69.50 **39.50**

Women's Winter Coats and Wraps

135 Winter Coats
Of wool plush, wool velour, zibeline, corduroy or weed.
Heretofore \$29.50 to \$39.50 **15.00**

145 Fur Collar Coats
Of seal velour plush, wool plush, broadcloth or corduroy.
Heretofore \$29.50 to \$39.50 **18.50**

43 Fur Collar Coats
Of black broadcloth, quilted satin linings, collar of skunk opossum or French seal.
Heretofore \$34.50 **19.75**

85 Seal Plush Coats
Afternoon or Evening Coats, majority fur trimmed.
Heretofore \$39.50 **25.00**

95 Afternoon & Evening Coats
Of velvet velour, seal plush, broadcloth, vicuna or fur cloths; fur trimmed.
Heretofore \$45.00 to \$59.50 **29.50**

75 Evening Wraps
Of chiffon velvet, French satin, chiffon plush, brocade, also beaded wraps.
Heretofore \$69.50 to \$98.50 **45.00**

Annual Sale of Women's Waists

100 Dressy Silk Waists
Of crepe de Chine, satin sublime, Georgette crepe and laces.
3.75
Heretofore \$7.50 to \$9.75

75 Paris Model Waists
Of rich laces and imported silks, entirely hand made.
10.00
Heretofore \$18.50 to \$29.50

125 Paris Lingerie Waists
Entirely hand made, hand embroidered, lace trimmed.
4.75
Heretofore \$6.75 to \$9.75

140 Dressy Silk Waists
Of crepe de Chine, satin sublime, Georgette crepe and laces.
6.75
Heretofore \$11.50 to \$16.50

40 Paris Model Waists
Of rich laces and Georgette crepe, entirely hand made.
15.00
Heretofore \$24.50 to \$39.50

83 Paris Lingerie Waists
Entirely hand made, hand embroidered, lace trimmed.
7.50
Heretofore \$15.75 to \$29.50

Annual Sale of Women's Fur Coats

Hudson Seal Coats
40 inches long, of fine quality Hudson seal; collar and cuffs of seal, silk lined.
Heretofore \$85.00 **58.00**

Hudson Seal Coats
Full flare or belted model; collar of seal or skunk; cuffs of seal.
Heretofore \$135.00 **85.00**

Hudson Seal Coats
Full, loose, straight model, large collar of skunk; cuffs of seal, soft silk lining.
Heretofore \$135.00 **95.00**

Hudson Seal Coats
Light weight, well matched skins; collar of high grade contrasting furs or seal.
Heretofore \$175.00 **125.00**

Hudson Seal Coats
Exceptional light weight skins; collar of high grade contrasting furs or seal.
Heretofore \$235.00 **175.00**

Hudson Seal Coats
Exceptional light weight skins; collar of high grade contrasting furs or seal.
Heretofore \$250.00 **195.00**

French Seal Coats
New flare model, collar of ermine, fitch or skunk, soft silk lining.
Heretofore \$69.50 **45.00**

French Seal Coats
45 inches long, new flare model; collars of ermine, skunk, fitch or kolinsky.
Heretofore \$79.50 **57.00**

Caracul Coats
Of light weight skins, 45 inches long; loose model; collar and cuffs of caracul.
Heretofore \$69.50 **48.00**

Caracul Coats
New flare model of light weight skins; collars of skunk, fitch or opossum.
Heretofore \$95.00 **68.00**

Mole Coats
Of genuine Scotch mole, loose model; ermine collar and cuffs.
Heretofore \$165.00 **110.00**

Persian Lamb Coats
New flare model, 45 inches long, of well matched skins, Leipzig dye.
Heretofore \$250.00 **175.00**

French Seal Coats
New full belted model; collar of chinchilla squirrel; cuffs of seal.
Heretofore \$98.50 **68.00**

Caracul Coats
New flare model of light weight skins; collar of skunk, fitch or opossum.
Heretofore \$145.00 **95.00**

Persian Lamb Coats
52 inches long, new semi-tinted, full flare skirt model, Leipzig dye, soft silk lining.
Heretofore \$475.00 **295.00**